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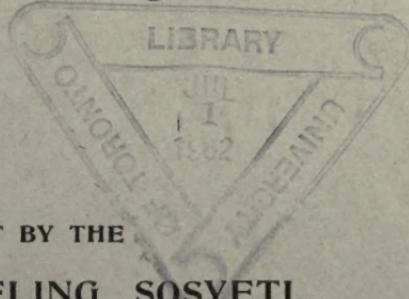


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- O 3. A spelling according to the sounds assumes the existence of a standard speech, which we do not possess.
- O 4. Language constantly changes, and a spelling in accordance with the sounds would be always changing, which would be intolerable.
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SIMPLIFYD SPELING AT THE EDEUKAI- SHONAL KONFERENS.

AN ENTHEUZIASTIK MEETING.

THAIR woz everi reezon tu be satisfyd with the meeting held this yeer at the Aneual Konferens ov Edeukaishonal Ascœsiaishonz in the Euniversiti ov London. The Jehangier Haul woz krouded and the audiens keenli responsiv. We had memberz hoo had been speling reformerz sins the daiz ov Pitman, and hoo, tho thai had stil tu see the foolfilment ov thair hœps, had the freshnes ov entheuziazm wun myt look for in the yungest konvert. We had teecherz hoo wer eeger tu heer mor ov the sistem which had aulredi proovd that it kood saiv fyv munths' tym in the proeses which iz the vytal part ov our edeukaishonal sistem. Several teecherz hoo baut kopiz ov the *Reeder* undertook tu begin an eksperiment with the book in klaasez, and we ar hoepfool that, wuns it iz tested, it wil be euzd stedili az a meenz ov provyding a thurce sound-training.

Prof. GILBERT MURRAY, LL.D., D.Litt., F.B.A., sed that wun felt sum misgiving at hoelding konferensez tu diskus Simplifyd Speling deuring the prezent krysis; but, aifter aul, a non-kombatant's hœl tym kood not be spent in werking at or thinking about the Wor, and the kauz ov Simplifyd Speling woz not entyrlí without referens tu the grait strugel in which the kuntri woz engaijd. Thai wer aul ekspektng and hœping that, at the end ov the Wor, thair wood be kloeser eunion between diferent naishonz; at the veri leest sum duling and blunting ov the sharp and dainjerus ej ov nashonal feeling, sum kaaming ov that spirit ov nashonaliti which werkt az a dainjerus eksplœsiv and woz amung the kauzez ov the prezent dizaaster. Thai shood aim at maiking meuteual interkors and understanding eezier, and sees taiking a sort ov pervers pryd in nashonal oditiz and unintelijibilitiz. It woz thair heep that the English langwij wood be red and speeken az wydli az posibel over the serfais ov the world, and wun esenshal obstakel tu thair aim woz that forinerz lerning English had praktikali tu lern too langwijez—wun speeken and wun riten.

The ydeal ov the Sosyetti, in its ekstreem form, with regard tu langwij woz that the simbol shood folce the sound: it shood be riten az pronounst; thair shood be wun simbol tu denot eni wun sound, and no singel sound shood be

denoted by too different simbolz. Thair wer uther ydealz konseebabel. Wun woz that the sound shood foloe the simbol; we shood pronouns werdz az thai wer spelt, az had been dun with sertin plaisir-naimz. If eni wun woz inklynd tordz that ydeal he wood cenli sai, "Try it for haaf an our." Another propezel woz that everibodi shood be aloud tu spel az he or she wisht; but that, too, soon proovd impraktikabel. Children had tu be taut tu reed and ryt; thairfor thair must be sum set ov roolz by which tu gyd them; and thair must aulso be sum prinsipel by which kompozitorz shood set up printed werk. The theori underlying the ordinari instinktiv objekshon tu the Sosyeti'z propaganda woz whot myt be kauld peurli historikal; the theori that a word shood be spelt az it hapend tu hav been spelt in the paast; that enithing that hapend tu hav been in the paast woz part ov histori, and thairfor ryt. Such a theori seemd tu forget that eni lyv langwijk iz konstantli mooving and chainjing. And, at ferst, it kood giv no gyd tu the feuteur. For on this vnu, whatever wun did wood be ryt az soon az wun had dun it. The English langwijk woz in a different pozishon from meni European langwijkez. In moest European langwijkez a woch had been kept over the relaishon between the riten and speeken werd; thair had been goeing on a konstant proeses ov smaul korekshon, the rezult ov which woz that moest European langwijkez had a fairli satisfaktori sistem ov speling, fundamentali fonetik, tho not myneutli and egzakli so. The Scandinavian and German langwijkez had foloed that proeses; the Italianz and Spanish had karid it out with ekskwizit finish and beuti. When wun herd an Italian werd, wun neu at wuns hou tu spel it. That woz an ydeal thai in England skairsls daird aim at at prezenter. In French, tho the sound woz not a good gyd tu the speling, the speling woz a veri saif gyd tu the sound. Sum langwijkez, ov kors, had gon rong. He did not see much charm in Russian speling, with its konfeuzhon ov vowelz and its leterz aded on heer and thair and never pronounst. The Greek langwijk had bekum so lumberd up with antikwairian memoriz that it woz akteuali being beeten in the kompetishon with utherz for ordinari komershal perposez in Greek wauterz. The English langwijk woz in a bad kondishon, bekauz thair had been no konstant preses ov smaul korekshon; konsekwentli the cenli saif kors lai in gathering up kurij tu fais the proeses ov wun larj korekshon. Apart from the kwestion ov kompetishon with uther langwijkez, and the lerning ov English by forinerz, it woz nesesari tu taik intu akount the teeching ov English boiz and gerlz. Praktikal teecherz estimated that English speling entaild a ded los ov about wun kleer yeer ov the peupil'z tym. That woz ekseedingli seerius in itself, mor seerius in its efekt ov diskurijment, but moest seerius ov aul in the pozitiv harm dun by giving children a training in unreezon. The real objekt ov edeuakaishon woz tu poot befor the chyld, az far az posibel, a reezonabel werld, and tu introdeus him tu that werld az a reezonabel being, insted ov which the tendensi in teeching speling woz tu prezenter tu the chyld a thurceli mad werld and a sumwhot mad, or at leest ekstreemli kaprishus, teecher. Ferthermor, thai wer aul interested in the moovement az luverz ov langwijk and literateur; thai wer the gardianz ov a delikait, koepius, and veri beutiful langwijk, and wisht tu prezerv in it the pouer and habit ov akeurait speech and a nys sens ov sound. The English langwijk, being veri wydli spred over the werld, needed sum komon lau or stander, utherwyz thair woz the dainier ov its braiking up intu a number ov dyalekts mor or les meuteuali unintelijibel. That nesesitait the adopshon ov sum form ov mor or les fonetik ryting. The celd fonetik alfabet ov Pitman, in spyt ov sertin syentifik objekshonz and erorz, woz by the standerd ov its dai moest eusful. Az a sosyeti thai in England had diferd from the American method ov reforming a feu partikeular werdz at a tym, and had adopted the ydeal ov forming a kleer and konsistent sistem afekting the hoel ov the langwijk. Thai had atemted tu acheev that objekt under sertin praktikal restrikshonz—by euzing cenli the egzisting alfabet, with no neu synz, no dyakritik marks, and euzing leterz cenli with fonetik meaningz which thai aulredi pozest. Thai must, ov kors, admit that thair form ov ryting lookt groetesku the uninishiaited. In shoeng our skript tu a strainjer a sertin amount ov inosent hilariati had aulwaiz tu be faist. Nou sterdi reformerz wer inklynd tu sai that the look ov a werd did not mater at aul; he did not think this kwyd troo, but sertinli the look ov a werd did not mater so much az moest peepel thaut. It involvd a sakrifys tu giv up the look ov the langwijk tu which

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wun woz akustomd, but tu keep it involvd a much graiter sakrifs. If delikait and unreezoning sensibilitiz wer for ever tu be spaird, a sakrifs aultugether inkomenseurait wood be rekwyrd. The English langwij wood be maid harder and mor forbiding tu the naishonz ov the wrold; thair wood be inkreest fonetik diverjens and a tendensi for the English langwij tu split up intu diferenst dialektz, and a berden wood be poot on English boiz and gerlz hevier than that plaist on boiz and gerlz ov uther naishonz. He konsiderd such a sakrifs aultugether too grait.

Ser FREDERICK POLLOCK, Bart., LL.D., D.C.L., sed that, aultho spelng woz sed tu be a nateural historikal development, much ov it woz meerli the artifisial invenshion ov printerz. But so far az it woz nateural, that proovd nuthing. Let kuntri memberz kompair thair ekspeierens ov London street nomenklaiteur; that aulso woz nateural, in the sens ov having groen up by itself, and it kood not hav been wers if it had tryd. Thai myt test the merits ov konvenshonal English spelng by maiking a kynd ov klaas-list ov the prinsipal European tungz, akording az thair spelng aproccht a fonetik standerd. In the ferst ! klaas he wood poot Spanish (with speshal distinkshon), Italian, and Dutch (aultho the vowel sistem ov the laast naimd woz cepen tu sum objekshonz). In the sekond klaas myt be plaist German, which woz fairli konsistent, but klumzi in its reprezentation ov meni komon konsonant soundz; Gaelic, hooz orthografi woz not jenerali noen, tho it dezervd menshon az ekstreemli injeenius—too injeenius, lyk much ov the literari spelng ov the Dark Aijez, for eus; and Russian, which woz fairli konsistent, aultho it retaind sum seuperflooitz and anomaliz. In the therd klaas he wood plais French and Greek. The sylent leterz ov our grait naibor'z langwij wer nateurali a ground ov irashonaliti, and thair wer too meni soundz for the saim syn. Ov English, wun kood sai no mor than that a charitabel egzaminer myt giv it a paas degree. 4

Traising the historikal development ov English spelng, Ser Frederick sed thai wood aul agree that in the so-kauld Dark Aijez thair Anglo-Saxon ansestorz had a veri good orthografi. The Norman Konkwest introdeust konfeuzhon. Forin werdz retaind thair spelng whyl English mouthz chainjd thair sound, and the konfeuzhon spred by fauls analogi eeven tu peur English werdz. Notwithstanding this, medieeval spelng werkts itself out tu a tolerabel konsistensi, aultho thair wer sum keurius individual eksperiments. Hou woz the prezent shoking konfeuzhon akounted for? The real dejeneraishon began with the Renaisans. In the siksteenth senteuri began a revolooshonari chainj ov pronunziaishon, with which spelng faild tu keep pais. The chainj in pronunziaishon keinsyded with the jeneraishon ov lerned printerz, hoo wer ekstreemli ankshus tu shoe of thair akwaintans with Latin and Greek. It woz the pedantri ov Latinizing printerz which gaiy spelng its Wardour Street karakter. Then kaim the peeriod which myt rufli be idendifyed with the Restoraishon, between 1650 and 1700. Thair woz parshal, but cenli parshal, reform ov the Tudor kaios. That kaios woz redeust tu a sort ov konvenshonal euniformiti. Laiter chainjez wer smaul, so that substanshali modern spelng kood be sed tu hay been fikst befor the midel ov the aiteenth senteuri. English spelng had not been maid by ryterz, but by printerz. The tirani ov printing ofisez woz the real obstakel. Yet, the printing ofisez laid-doun spelng roolz, it wood be found that thai did not aulwaiz agree. Thai shood be denyd such lejislalitiv funkshonz. He beleevd that free eksperiment and much paishens wood be rekwyrd befor jeneral konsent woz ataind on eni reformd skeem. 1750

Mr. R. W. MACAN, Litt.D., D.Litt. T.C.D., thaut thai wer aul familiar with the argeumentz in faivor ov spelng reform, and eni meeting thai held woz prymarili a meeting for "testimuni," and he wood lyk tu bair witnes for whot it myt be werth. It woz sum forti yeerz sins he found salvaishon in fonetik spelng. An artikel in the "Fortnightly Review" in 1876, by the lait Prof. Max Müller, ferst konvinst him ov orthografik sin. A yeer or too laiter Mr. Pitman'z litel voleum, A Plea for Reformed Spelling, and aulso the lait Dr. Gladstone'z admirabel pamphlet on the saim subjekt, kompleeted hiz edeukashon. Nuthing had been or kood be sed on the subjekt which woz not kontaind in the too litel voleumz tu which he had referd, and he wuns hoept tu see Mr. Pitman'z fonetik alfabet, or an ekwivalent, adopted az the meenz for

3) speling the English langwij. Sumwhot laiter he lisend tu a lekture upon the subjekt from a veri eminent American fonetishan, which sumwhot krusht the hoeps he had entertaind, for it woz wun ov thez kaisez in which the seuperlativ degree ov ekselens absolootli destroid the komparativ, and whair the prospekt ov ydeal perfekshon spelt obstrukshon for eni moderait reform. The lektureur had the moest wunderful alfabet that ever the wit ov man had devyzd for aul the posibel soundz the heuman voekal kordz and kavitz kood ute. It woz kauld, he thaut, "Visible Speech." Thai kood imajin with whot joi, a feu yeerz aifterwerdz, he kaim upon the modest, praktikal propœzialz ov the Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti, which, whyl utherz wer tauking, woz geting sumthing dun by dooing it. Thai myt stil hœp in the feuteur tu hav sumthing mor syentifik, mor kompleet simbolz in partikeular, which wood doo graiter justis tu the vouelz. Meenwhyl, thai kood doo nothing beter than promœt the objekts ov the Sosyeti, and wun wai in which aul kood help woz by syning the petishon for Guvernment akshon, bekauz nothing kood be satisfaktorili dun without that. But he wood not sit doun without saing a werd on the titeular subjekt ov his adres—naimli, "The Ekonomi and Beuti ov Simplifyd Speling." From the point ov veu ov ekonomi, ekonomi ov tym, ov laibor, ov mateerial, ov everithing in which ekonomi kood be praktist, the nashonal edeukaishon ov the skool children in the elementari skoolz ov the kuntri woz the moest important interest at staik. The Chairman pointed out that children waisted a hel yeer in trying tu lern tu spel, and that thai veri ofen did not lern it eeven so. Dr. Gladstone proovd that it took an English chyld twys az long tu lern tu spel his œn langwij, and ryt it with fasiliti, az an Italian chyld needed tu lern tu reed Italian. He wood lyk tu remynd them that the Nashonal Eunion ov Teecherz wer the ferst organizaishon in the kuntri tu moov in the mater ov speling reform; thai deklaird forti yeerz agee in faivor ov a Roial Komishon on the subjekt. That Komishon had not yet been apointed, but it shood be prest for az soon az the Wor ended. A grait deel ov mizeri, heumiliashon, and los woz entaild in edeukaishon by the tym taiken in lerning tu spel; for uther thingz wer neglekted, the myndz ov the peupilz wer haaf rooind, and thair interest in reeding and much els woz destroid. Then again, imajin the ekonomi involvd for aul literateur, jernalizm, and neuspaiperz in striktli fonetik speling. If he wer a Soeshalist he myt gœ about the kuntri denounsing the prezent sistem ov speling az a kapitalistik and aristokratik devys for keeping the peepel ignorant and in leeding stringz. A werd az tu beuti. It woz ofen sed that reformd speling loopt ugli. He woz sumwhot serpryzd tu heer the Chairman's remarks on that point, and venteurd, with aul respekt, tu demer tu them. Personali, he thaut the beuti ov the werd, az such, did not depend on speling. Hou meni waiz wer thair ov speling long o in English? He had werkt out seventeen, not tu sai nynteen, waiz in which that sound woz alfabetikali signifyd. Which woz the pritest? Woz wun wai pritier than anuther? If so, adopt it in aul kaisez! Beuti did not ly in the order, or juksapozišon, or seekwens ov partikeular individuel synz or leterz. But he maintaind that thair woz beuti in simpliciti, in konsistensi, in the propreti, the deesensi ov a reformd and trooli fonetik speling, in which the meenz wer perfektli adapted tu the end in veu. The real point woz that the charm and beuti ov English woz in the living speech and not in the ded leter; and bekauz fonetik and simplifyd speling wood tend tu prezerv the peuriti, digniti, and beuti ov English speech, he found an adishonal strong argeument in its faivor. The Chairman aulso referd tu the fakt that he kood not shoe his unkonverted frendz simplifyd speling without thair smyling. It apeerd tu him that the laaf woz on the uther syd. In the artikel tu which he had aulredi referd Max Müller kweted a grait Swiss syentist hoo had riten a book which went tu shoe that English, from its intrinsik karakter and from the enormus number ov peepel in the werld akteuali speeking it, woz destind in too hundred yeerz tu bekum the euniversal langwij ov mankynd. Whot a prospekt that oepend up! He beleevd he woz ryt in saing that English woz being taut in everi skool in Japan. Thai wood probabli aul agree when he sed that in the interest ov the kuntri, in the interest ov the Alyz—inklooding Japan—in the interest ov mankynd, it behœvd them tu reform our speling in order tu kleer the wai for the spred ov English thruout the length and bredth ov the sivilyzd werld, when the prezent teribel konflikt wood be a thing ov the paast.

Mr. W. H. STEER, Prezident ov the Nashonal Eunion ov Teecherz, sed that it woz a mater ov grait serpryz tu him that English peepel, noeng that thair riten langwij woz les fonetik than that ov eni uther naishon, wer the laast tu konsent tu its reform. From the point ov veu ov eutiliti he woz konvinst that thai aut forthwith tu erj the Bord ov Edeukaishon tu doo sumthing in the mater. It seemd tu him that at the prezent tym a Speling Releef Sosyti woz mor nesesari than a Speling Reform Sosyti. He wood illustrat whot he ment by taiking wun wurd—"programme." An ordinariel intilijent chyld hoo had never seen the werd wood ryt "program," and it wood be markt az an eror. Then the tym ov boeth teecher and chyld wood be waisted in teeching the "proper" speling ov the werd. Houver short the tym so spent, thai must deklair it tu be a waist ov tym. If the etimolojists insisted that the jenerali aksepted speling must be retaind bekauz ov the Greek *gramma*, then thai must aulso insist that the folœing spelingz shood be adopted: "telegramme, anagramme, monogramme." Unles euniformiti wer adopted, the teecher'z taask woz a stupid wun. He korekted "program" tu "programme." He perhaps kompeld the chyld tu ryt the werd korektli siks tymz; and the chyld perhaps fikst the werd "gramme" in hiz mynd. Nekst dai he had tu ryt the werd "telegram." He rememberd hiz eror ov the dai befor, and roet "telegramme." The teecher markt it az an eror, and the chyld roet "telegram" siks tymz. Nekst dai kaim the werd "anagram." Nou it had bekum nesesari tu teach the rool ov "gram" with the eksephson ov "programme." But supœz the Bord ov Edeukaishon instrukted its Inspektorz tu aksept the speling, "program." It wood not meerli saiv tym on teeching the speling ov that werd, but on everi werd ov similar ending.

Then thair wer the werdz ending in *-cede* and *-ceed*. Fifteen yeerz age he woz teeching a klaas ov boiz in Standerd IV, and he spent at leest a yeer in sorting out theez too endingz. Tu whot perpos? Not tu pleez the etimolojists, for thair woz no reezon for the differens, sins boeth kaim' from the saim root. Not tu train the intilijens. Similärl, thai myt euniversalyz the *-ent* terminashonz and so diskard the eksephsonal *-ant*, the *-ize* terminashonz and diskard *-ise*.

Children had tu waist thair tym in speling when thai aut tu be spending it in deeling with faktz. It woz imposibel tu giv the saim tym tu teknikal edeukaishon az if thair wer no speling difikulti tu be got oever. He woz konvinst that an apeel on the lynz indikaited kood be maid tu the Bord ov Edeukaishon, and that if thair aprooval wer obtaind it wood be a komparativli eazi thing tu obtain the suport ov publisherz and ryterz ov skool books.

Prof. RIPPmann, M.A., hooch speech we hœp tu report mor fooli in a laiter iseu, sed that rashonal speling shood reprezent standerd speech, and we rekwyrd sum ov the prezent meaningles varyetiz and unsertintiz ov pronunsaishon tu be seteld befor we kood determin the best speling ov aul werdz. We myt aulso dezyr tu maik our rashonal, nashonal alfabet konform az far az posibel with internashonal euzij; but no internashonal alfabet kood yet be regarded az perfekt, and thair woz such wydspred ignorans ov fonetiks in meni kuntriz that wun kood not rekon, for a long tym tu kum, on eni jeneral akseptans ov eeven an aproksimaishon tu internashonal speling. An ever-inkreesing eus ov the alfabet ov the Internashonal Fonetik Ascsiaishon woz indeed being maid az a meenz ov imparting the pronunsaishon ov forin langwijez; but it woz a long, long wai from that tu the eus ov an internashonal alfabet in everidai lyf.

Kleerli, thai kood not wait for the adopshon ov an internashonal alfabet, or eeven such an aproksimaishon tu it az myt be ultimaitli posibel. Thai kood, however, sekeur a nashonal speling that woz reezonabli konsistent. Tu that end, thai must diskard aul leterz that reprezentet no soundz at aul. The eus ov the konsonants and ov the short vowelz kood be regeulearyzd without much trubel. It woz when thai kaim tu the long vowelz and difthongz that theez kompetent tu juj- found themselvz moest at vairians. The cheef kwestion woz whether the noetaishon ov the vowelz shood asyn them whot ar (raather vaigli) kauld the "kontinental valeuz," or whether thai aut tu taik intu akount nashonal habits ov speling. Theez hoo erjd the "kontinental valeuz" wer, by implikaishon, familiar with wun or mor kontinental langwijez, and wer, perhaps, a litel forget-

fool ov the fakt that the English chyld, when it lernt tu reed and tu ryt, neu nuthing but its muther tung ; and it woz, aifter aul, the English chyld that thai had prinsipali tu konsider, and from hoom thai wonted tu lift the berden, and not the forin student ov English.

note (Az he had tryd tu shœ, thai must devout themselvz tu sekeuring a rashonal, nashonal alfabet. This woz the objekt thai had befor them in werking out the skeem which had been poot forwerd by the Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti az a bassis for diskushon. It had reseevd a good deel ov diskushon ; sins it woz ferst publisht, the number ov kompetent kritiks had groen konsiderabli, and thair sujeszionz had been ov much valeu. Simplifyd Speling woz not yet in its fynal form ; but eeven az it woz it woz reezonabli konsistent, and a chyld wood be taut tu read it eezili and kwikli. Under kondishonz that wer by no meenz faivorabel, a set ov children hoo lernt Simplifyd Speling for ten munths and ordinari spelng for for months wer aibel tu reed and ryt az wel az another set ov children (ov eekwal kapasiti) hoo had werkt at the ordinari spelng œnli for nynteen munths. Thair woz not œnli a gain ov fyv munths, but aulso a markt seuperioriti in kleernes ov speech. He woz konvinst that ferther eksperiments nou being undertaiken wood shoe eeven beter results.

At a tym when ekonomi and efishensi wer alyk important in nashonal edukaishon, it wood shoorli be veri unwyz not tu konsider with the utmœst kair the kwestion ov spelng reform az a meenz ov preventing waist and sekeuring efishensi.

THE NASHONAL ASPEKT OV SPELING REFORM.

IN a neuspapier korespondens on spelng reform apeerin in a welnoen finanshal jernal a pasij woz kwœted from the "Cologne Gazette," taunting England with the pozeshon ov a spelng sistem so komplikaited that her edeukaishonal efishensi woz seeriusli impaird. Nou, wun duz not euzheuali asœshiait the reederz ov finanshal jernalz with grait simplisiti ov mynd. Yet thair must be sum simpel soelz amung them if wun iz tu juj them from thair korespondens kolumz. We fynd wun such maiking the injeneeus inkwyri : " Iz it saif tu adopt a reform räkomended by Germany ? " On this point we mai ashoor the timorus that in aul probabiliti feu thingz wood giv the "Cologne Gazette" jernalist mor pain than tu fynd that hiz lytli-wingd werdz had haisend by a singel week the kuming ov spelng reform.

GERMAN EFISHENSI.

The Englishmen hoom the Germanz hav tu feer in the feuteur ar not thœz hoo ar aflikted with this seuperstishus feer and baitred ov everithing German. Seuperstishon, yther in luv or bait, iz awlwaiz a konfeshon ov weeknes. No ; thai ar thœz hoo, with a kool hed, hav taiken the mezher ov thair enimiz. Such a man woz Ser James Dewar. In his prezidenshal adres tu the British Asesiashion (1902) he boeldli pointed out sertin aspekte ov nashonal lyf in which we shœd infeerioriti tu Germany. Hiz staitments, and thœz ov uther kwolifyd obzerverz, went tu proov :

That the Germanz had obtaind a monopoli ov the glaas botel and flint glaas traid ;

That thair boets in 1901 wer kariing nearerli twys az meni pasenjerz tu New York az ourz ;

That thair Elberfeld sistem ov deeling with poverti woz a model ov efishensi ;

That when thai introdeust industrial inshoorans, thai took the subjekt ov pulmonari konsumshon in hand, and redeust the deths from that kauz in thair larj tounz by 50 per sent.

Bekauz Germany haz aplyd her syentifik profishensi tu despikabel endz sum

ar inklynd tu dout the benefit ov that profishensi. Oenli theœz hoo think seuperfishali wil raiz such a kwestion. Goodnes or the revers iz meerli an afair ov the wil ; heer syens iz meerli a meenz subordinait tu that wil. It iz the wil, then, we must blaim, and not the meenz. In the aplikaishon ov syens tu the ordinari biznes ov lyf we see an aktiviti which the man ov "good wil" mai lejitimaitli enjoi. Hou duz Britain kompair in that respekt with her ryval? In the mater ov kemistri, in 1901, thair wer 4,500 traind kemists emploid in German werks, whylst a liberal estimait ov our traind kemists at that tym woz oenli about wun-therd that number. Reports on the training ov 633 kemists emploid in German werks shoed that 84 per sent. had reseevd a sistematik and kompleet komershal training, and 74 per sent. had the advaantij ov a Euniversiti kareer, whyl in Great Britain informaishon fernisht az regardz 500 kemists in British werks gaiv oenli 21 per sent. az gradeuaitz and about 10 per sent. az heelding a diplœma ov a kolej. On the moest faivorabel komparison tu ourselvz, we had oenli 31 per sent. ov sistematik traind kemists against thair 84 per sent. in an industri devoted tu the eutilizaishon ov kœl-tar for the produkshon ov drugz, perfumeuz, and kuloring mater.

DEEFKEKTS IN ENGLISH EDEUKAISHON.

When Prof. Dewar sez, in suming up, "The root ov the mischif in England iz the wont ov edeukaishon amung the so-kauld edeukaited klaasez, and, sekondli, amung the werkmen on hoom thai depend," whot iz the moral which eni sain man wood drau? Shoorli that we must leev no stoen unternd tu suply that wont. It iz in the skoolz that the feuteur ov Britain wil be desyded—not, az woz wuns sed, "on the plaiing-feedz," but in the klaasroomz and laboratoriz. If ever organizaishon wer needed in our edeukaishonal sistem, it iz needed nou. At prezent the werd "ekonomi" iz on everi lip. Wood wun kood sai that, in its best sens, it woz in everi mynd! Too ofen it iz loosli interpreted az meer stinting; its troo meaning iz not saiving, but wyz spending. It iz oenli in this later sens that it kan saifli be applyd tu our edeukaishonal sistem. Az Prof. Adams sez, neetli and forsbli, "Tu atemt tu fyt an enemi hooz strength lyz in hiz edeukaishonal sistem by starving our oen iz shoorli the hyt ov foli." Or heer anuther teecher, Vys-Chaanselor Michael Sadler: "Edeukaishon wil enaibel us tu retrevey the trezher waisted in this Wor. At this moement it iz mor nesesari than ever tu maintain and inkrees its thuroenes and meni-syded efishensi. And aafter the Wor it wil be the sheet-ankor ov meni nashonal forteunz. Edeukai-shon, wyzli pland, administerd with sympathi and imajinaishon, and jenerusli aided from pryvait and publik fundz, wil in the apreching test ov sceshal reekonstrukshon—our nekst kampain—reebild our resorsez and saiv the Stait."

SPELING REFORM AND EKONOMI.

It iz difikult tu rekonsyl the prezent atiteud tu speling reform with the dezyr tu ekonomyz in edeukaishon. No wun atemts tu deny, ofishali or unofishali, that the anomaliz ov our prezent speling involv a seerius waist ov tym in edeukaishon. Aul that the retrogresiv parti kan reply iz that the waistij iz preferabel tu chainj and that we kan wel aford it. But kan we? Iz thair eni naishon that kan poot a handikap ov wun yeer on its children's skool-tym and not sufer in presteezh, in welth, in efishensi, and in that onest pryd which a sens ov efishensi givz? Against steupiditi, it iz sed, eeven the godz fyt in vain, but the batel must ofen giv kauz for laafter. Whot ar we tu sai ov a peepel which kan satisfy its dezyr for edeukaishonal ekonomi by petitfoging restrikshonz œver skool windœ-kleening, whyl a goelden tyd ov welth floœz unheeded in the teeching ov a speling sistem kondemd by skolarz az reezonles?

If Germany, Spain, Holland, Italy, Turkey hav aul found it nesesari tu reegulazijz thair speling sistemz; if France haz seen good tu egzamin herz veri kritikali: if America iz werking streneusli for an instaulment ov reform—it iz by no meenz unreezonabel tu konklood that the projekt iz werth looking intu kair-fooli. It iz oenli indolens that wil taik refeuj in the sofizm that tu chainj our speling in order tu inkrees our traïd welth iz ignœbel. Thair iz nothing ignœbel in euzirg the best instrooment for our partikeular perpos. In the hard persecut ov efishensi thair iz an ydealizm fyner and sweeter than in the sentimentaliti ov a fauls eesthetisizm.

SIMPLIFYD SPELING AZ A DEMOKRATIK INFLOOENS.

FROM a Scotch korespondent:—Deuring sum yeerz' rezidens in London I kaim tu the konkloozhon that the gulf which yaunz between the lœer klaas and lœer midel klaas, and stil mor alarmingli between lœer midel klaas and uper midel klaas, woz deu in no smaul mezher tu speech differensez. In London the vowel soundz ar mor than meer soundz; thai ar soeshal shiboleths. I meediatli a strainjer komensez “oi-ing” and “ai-ing” he plaisez himself in a soeshal groop whens no apeel tu eni lœkal trybeunal mai remoov him. I doo not defend the prejoodis; I sai önli that it egzists.

In Scotland theez nys distinkshonz ov aksent ar not prezent in enithing lyk the saim degree. Thair iz sertinli a braud differens between the speech ov the hyest klaasez and the leest, but remarkabli litel in the straita between theez too groops. If the plouman leevz his furce for the ministri, his aksent nyther trubelz himself nor ofends his naibor. Hens the absens ov an över-multiplikaishon and över-emfasis ov klaas distinkshonz, the freer plai ov soeshal sympathiz, the enkrijment given tu merit in whatever klaas ov lyf it mai displai itself. I am informd that in France thair iz komparativli litel differens between the French ov the edeukaited and the unedeukaited—nuthing lyk the saim differens az egzists between the speech ov the edeukaited and unedeukaited Englishman; and that thairfor a man kan klain the respekt tu which his real werth entytelz him, bekauz that werth iz not obskeurd by a seuperfishal deefekt.

I am not argeuing heer for a lœering ov the standerd ov good speeking—raather kontrariwyz. “Kleethz and manerz doo not maik the man,” sed Henry Ward Beecher, “but when he iz maid thai improov his apeerans.” The saim mai be sed ov a good aksent. My argeument iz raather that az peur speech iz nesesari tu soeshal sukses, it shood be mor eezi ov atainment than at prezent. It shood be, braudli speeking, the pozeshon ov everi klaas ov personz refynd enuf tu kair for the melodi ov werdz, and shood not be, az at prezent, a monopolii ov the publik skool and Euniversiti klaas.

For demokratik reezonz, then, and in the beleef that “man tu man the werld o'er” mai fynd nobler shiboleths if his ignobel wunz ar taiken awai from him, I hav enroeld myself under the baner ov spelng reform. I am konvinst that a deesent mezher ov it wood doo mor for the braiking doun ov klaas barierz—the rong kynd ov barierz—than voleumz ov oratori. The wunder tu me iz that our Fabian Sosyetiz and Workerz' Edeukaishonal Asœsiaishonz doo not taik the mater up with mor konvikshon. Thai hav meni unstedier planks in thair platformz.

UNREST IN EDEUKAISHON.

NEVER hav our edeukaishonal institeushonz been subjekted tu such serching kritisizm az deuring the paast feu munths. It iz eezi tu formeulait theoriz ov improovement; tu fynd the metevi pouer tu poosh theez theoriz iz the problem. “The celd edeukaishonal institeushonz,” sez a thautful leeder in the “Westminster Gazette,” “hav a euneek pouer ov pasiv rezistans. Eu seemd tu be geting neer sum modest reformz in Euniversiti edeukaishon, the abolishon ov kompulsori Greek, the reform ov Senait or Konvokaishon, the regeulaishon ov skolarships, the adopshon ov such moderat mezherz az Lord Curzon rekomened tu the Euniversiti ov Oxford, and then the subjekt vanisht. Elderli non-rezidents ar whipt up tu defect a reform propoedz tu Konvokaishon, and it iz aseumd that nuthing mor kan be dun. Eeven Liberal Guverments'ar, az a rool, kompoedz ov akademik Konservativz, and a thouzand reezonz ar diskuverd for hanging the kwestion up. So it goez on from dekaid tu dekaid, and the celd Euniversitiz kontineu tu set the standerd, not önli for themselvz, but for the publik skoolz and the Guvernement servis, by meenz ov thair kontroel ov endouments and egzaminaishonz. Tu aul projekts ov reform thai raiz the kry ov the

'heumanitiz in dainjer.' The heumanitiz ar not in dainjer eksept by an obstinait adheerens tu formz ov edeukaishon which hav no valeu for larj klaasez ov steudents, by a limitaishon ov thair meening which konfynz them tu the studi ov ded langwijez. The best kynd ov klasikal edeukaishon haz enormous valeu for the ryt kynd ov steudent, and we wood on no akount depoez it from its plais ov onor for that kynd ov steudent. But it sertinli wil be depoezd if it iz tu be maid the pree-tekst for denying a modern and syentifik edeukaishon tu uther kyndz ov steudents, and for leeving the averij boi without nolej ov lyf, syens, or histori eksept such az he mai pik up for himself in the intervalz ov a smatering ov Greek and Latin."

HOU SPELING REFORM IZ HAMPERD.

We doo not konseel from ourselvz that the saim kauzez which hinder whot wun mai fairli kaul theez obvius reformz in edeukaishon ar thoez which ar hindering the preegres ov speling reform. The kauz ov the delai iz in wun sens inheerent in the veri naiteur ov edeukaishon. Edeukait a man and eu tend tu develop his fakulti ov reflekshon at the ekspens ov his fakulti ov akshon. Train him tu luv nolej; with aul eur kair eu wil hav much tu doo tu prevent him from luving, not nolej in the abstrakt, but the nolej he himself pozesez.

But whyl this mai eksplain, it duz not ekskeuz, the rezistans which haz been maid in the paast tu projekts so waiti and so vytal az the projekt ov speling reform. It wil be tu our everlasting shaim if we alou our nolej tu petrify the wil and drug the konshens. Everi teecher iz responsibel in part for whot he teechez. His iz no lyt responsibiliti if he haz eeven an infinitezimal shair in bynding on the bak ov posteriti a berden so greevus and so unnesesari.

BEGING THE KWESTION.

IN a reesent iseu ov the "Schoolmaster" apeerd wun ov thoez jeremiadz that apear az regeularli az flowerz in spring oever the dejenerasi ov the prezent rais ov skolarz, partikeularli az regardz speling and handriting. The ryter found his tekst for this artikel in the freekwensi with which mis-spelingz okerd in the Rejistraishon formz, and his remedi—a familiar wun—in the kuting doun ov ekstra, or "fansi" subjekts. Partikeularli wood he ban plastiseen werk, kardbord modeling, paiper-kuting, etc., with thair konkomitants ov kostli tekstbooks and speshal klaasez for teecherz.

Wun myt hav profesyd that the witherz ov sum devotee ov manueal training wood be rung by this atak. Shoor enuf, a champion ov the prezent kurikeulum aryzez tu refeut the kritisizmz ov this praizer ov paast tymz. He detrakts kon siderabli, houever, from his forisibenes by kontradikting his oen theoriz several tymz oever. He admits that speling iz not kwyt so good az it eust tu be (aferming parentheticali that, lyk "Punch," it never woz), but verteuali dairz the Department tu snach a moement from the preshus ourz devoted tu manueal training, which, he sez, iz wun ov his pet subjekts. At the saim tym, he konfesez that he haz "an absoloot veneraishon for perfekt orthografi, and iz az zelus az the ryter ov the artikel tu spel rythi and tu teech utherz tu doo so."

This iz the kynd ov konfeuzd thinking that prodeusez in edeukaishon the oeverloedend kurikeulum and the seuperfishali traind chyld. Ov whot eus iz it in a skool tu relegait the teeching ov speling tu the reejon ov pyus aspiraishonz? If it iz tu be taut properli, then sufishtent tym and enerji shood be given tu the teeching, eeven if uther subjekts hav tu be eksklooded. But if it iz not a subjekt ov vytal importans, then it shood giv wai tu the subjekts that ar. The "oopen mynd" which sum Edeukaishonal Authoritiz ar at prezent prezerving on the kwestion mai remain oopen so long that it wil bekum blank. It iz perfektli evident that if we ar tu retain speling in aul its irashonaliti, and tu teech it wel, sumthing must sufer. This iz no neu diskuveri. Az long agœ az 1868, Rev. J. Rice Byrne, H.M.I.S., sed :

The difikultiz tu be oeverkum in teeching speling kan skairsli be oever raited. Moest ov them ar inseparabel from the veri naiteur ov English

speling az at prezent in eus. Eni sujetion, thairfor, shood be welkumd which wood hav for its objekt permanentli tu lyten the laiborz ov the skool teecher, and tu kleer awai wun ov the moest seerius impediments tu the akwizishon ov elementari lerning.

Much woz hœpt from the paasing ov the Edeukaishon Akt in 1870-1, but the rezults, az eksprest by the Inspektorz ov the peeriod folœing, ar far from satisfaktori, and wer, indeed, so karakteryzd in the Report for 1873-4 on the Edeukaishon Department's atemt tu promœt elementari edeukaishon.

When ar we tu kum tu a definit desizhon on the subjekt? Nuthing iz tu be gaind by loozing mor tym.

THE EKOING GREEN.

The sun duz ariez
 And maik hapi the skiez ;
 The meri belz ring
 Too welkum the spring ;
 The skielark and thrush,
 The birdz ov the boosh
 Sing louder around
 Too the belz' cherfool sound.

THE abuv woz transliteraited from our *Ferst Reeder* by a teecher ov the def and dum. It iz the form in which the English langwij iz ferst prezentedy tu litel def-meuts. Nateurali the def-meut, hoo haz just lernt whot soundz thair ar in the English langwij, and haz stil sum difikulti in maiking them, wood be bewilderd if he wer sudenli konfrunted with a skript which iz fonetikali so wyd ov the mark az iz the prezent English orthografi. He iz thairfor shoen the fonetik reprodukshon az egzemplifyd abuv befor he iz inishaited intu the misteriz ov the prezent speling. The skeem euzd for def-meuts iz not unlyk the S.S. skeem. The former, however, maiks eus ov dublets—*oa* and *oe*, *er*, *ur*, and *ir*, *ai*, *ay*, and *ae*, and several utherz. We shood be interested tu heer from eni teecher ov def-meuts az tu whether it wood not be posibel tu adapt the S.S. Reeder for teeching perposez in def and dum skoolz. Dublets sertinli help tu konserv the apeerans ov the prezent speling, but our mor konsistent skeem wood undoubtedli be beter for theez children, and it haz been shoen that the transizhon from the *Ferst Reeder* tu ordinari speling iz efekted without trubel.

The Despoiler ov Chyldhood.

The thing that cheefli rekwyrr œverhauling iz our reched orthografik sistem, which, from the ferst entrans ov a chyld in skool, puzelz and bewilderz its reezon, outrajezy its komon sens, undeuli taksez its memori, diskurijiz its endevor, waists its moest preshus tym, impeezd its proëgres in uther atainments, and verteuali cheets it ov aul edeukaishon in eni degree werthi ov the naim.—GEORGE WITHERS.

THE MATEERIALZ OV ENGLISH SPELING.

OUR Canadian frend, Mr. Cuthbert Holmes, haz sent us a kopi ov *Concrete Investigation of the Material of English Spelling*, by W. Franklin Jones, Ph.D., Hed ov the Department ov Edeukaishon in the Euniversiti ov South Dakota. The problem iz staited az folcez: "Whot werdz, graid for graid, doo children euz in thair oen free riten speech, and whot werdz, thairfor, doo thai need tu ne hou tu spel?" For the perposez ov this investigaishon, theemz wer set tu 1,050 children, aproksimaitli 150 from eech ov the seven graidz abuv the ferst. The sekond graid kontaind children under ait at the begining ov the skool yeer, the aith under forteen. The total number ov werdz rekorded woz œver 15,000,000, in 75,000 theemz, averijng 190 werdz; the total number ov difrent werdz woz œnl 4,532. Lists ar given ov the werdz belonging tu the sekond graid (*i.e.* werdz euzd by at leest 2 per sent. ov the children in that graid), and ov the adishonal werdz for eech subsekwent graid. The totalz ar: Sekond graid, 1,927 werdz; therd, 469; forth, 442; fifth, 432; siksth, 425; seventh, 419; aith, 418. The averij number ov difrent werdz in the ryting vokabeulariz ov the children, graid by graid, woz: Sekond, 521; therd, 908; forth, 1,235; fifth, 1,489; siksth, 1,710; seventh, 1,926; aith, 2,135.

Praktikali everi werd in the list ov 4,532 woz misspelt by sum wun or mor steudents; the hyest number ov werdz misspelt by eni wun steudent woz 87; the smaulest number, 18. The averij number ov werdz misspelt woz 48.

The werdz moest freekwentli misspelt wer "which, their, there," and "separate." The folœing list kontaind whot Dr. Franklin Jones pikteureskli kaulz "Wun hundred spelng deemonz ov the English langwij":—"Which, their, there, separate, don't, meant, business, many, friend, some, been, since, used, always, where, women, done, hear, here, write, writing, heard, does, once, would, can't, sure, loose, lose, Wednesday, country, February, know, could, seems, Tuesday, wear, answer, too, two, ready, forty, hour, trouble, among, busy, built, color, making, dear, guess, says, having, just, doctor, whether, believe, new, laid, tear, choose, tired, grammar, minute, any, much, beginning, blue, though, coming, early, instead, easy, through, every, they, half, break, buy, again, very, none, week, often, whole, won't, cough, piece, raise, straight, sugar, shoes, enough, truly, ache, to-night, hoarse, said, wrote, read."

Dr. Franklin Jones drauz sertin konkloozhonz with regard tu the werdz that shood be taut ferst and moest emfatikali, and *if we ar tu keep tu the present spelng* his rezults ar veri important. But he sez nuthing about the naiteur ov the misspelngz. Regarded from this point ov veu, the abuv list ov "speling deemonz" iz interesting, and werth analyzing.

The probabel mistaiks maid ar deu tu vairius reezonz.

Sylent leterz: "Separate, meant, business, friend, some, done, heard, would, sure, loose, Wednesday, country, know, could, answer, ready, hour, trouble, built, guess, believe, knew, choose, grammar, minute, beginning, though, early, instead, through, every, half, buy, none, often, whole, cough, piece, raise, straight, enough, to-night, hoarse, wrote, read."

Werdz ydentikal or similar in sound, but difrent in O.S.: "Which (witch): much (cp. Dutch); their, there; some (sum); been (bin); where, wear; done (dun); hear, here; write (right); heard (herd); would (wood); loose, lose; know (no); too, two; hour (our); dear (deer); whether (weather); knew (new); choose (chews); blue (blew); break (brake); buy (by); week (weak); whole (hole); piece (peace); raise (rays); hoarse (horse); read (red)." *ed Sp*

Reprezentashon ov *s*, *z*, and *sh* soundz: "Business, busy, since, used, once, sure, lose, choose, easy, sugar."

Vouelz in unstrest silabelz: "Separate, always, color, doctor, grammar, minute, sugar."

O.S. *a* = S.S. *e*: "Many, any."

O.S. *o* = S.S. *u*: "Some, done, does, once, among, color, coming, none."

O.S. *o*, *e*, *ee*, *u*, *ui*, *y* = S.S. *i*: "Busy, business, been, women, built."

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O.S. *ee, ea, e . . . e, ie* = S.S. *ee* : "Hear, here, seems, dear, believe, easy, week, piece."

O.S. *a, ea, a . . . e, ai, aigh, ey* = S.S. *ai* : "Making, laid, they, break, raise, straight, ache."

O.S. *air, ere, ear* = S.S. *air* : "Their, there, where, wear, tear."

O.S. *o, ow, ough, o . . . e* = S.S. *oe* : "Don't, know, though, whole, won't, wrote."

Oo and *eu* soundz : "Used, would, sure, loose, lose, could, too, two, knew, choose, blue, through, shoes, truly, Tuesday."

Mistaiks wer probabli deu tu the pronuniaishon in "February, just, again, very" perhaps aulso in "sure, having (?), blue."



KOLEKTING SIGNATEURZ FOR THE PETISHON.

SPELING REFORMERZ' EKSPEERIENSEZ.

It iz impossibl tu get thingz dun eksept by dooing them.

—WILLIAM HAZLITT.

STIL mor werk must be dun by individuel memberz if our Petishon iz tu hav the sukses werthi ov its grait objekt. That such werk bringz an interest ov its oen iz, we think, abundantli proovd by the ekspeeriensez ov sum ov our memberz hooz leterz ar given beloe. It must be rememberd that petishonz doo not fil themselvz automatikali ; much ekspozishon, perswaizhon, egzortaison ar stil needed befor we kan hav a rœl which shal impres the naishon. Nor iz it fair tu leev the werk tu thœz hoo hav aulredi dun so much. Wil thœz reederz hoo hav not yet begun send a pœst kard tu the Asistant Sekretari for a petishon form ?

THE FRENCH REVOLOSHON AND THE METRIK SISTEM.

Aafter the Wor spelng reform wil hav its chaans. Preekonseevd ydeaz wil hav been swept awai. With yz that ar no longer hoolden by prejoodis or self-esteem, the naishon wil begin its werk ov reekonstrukting the nashonal lyf on a sounder basis. In the keen internashonal kompetishon which wil prevail aafter the Wor our edeukaishonal sistem wil be subjekted tu the moest serching kritisizm. Komers wil demaand efishensi. It iz at this moement that we must be redi with our petishon. Mor than wuns a tym ov grait nashonal distres haz preseeded reform. The teumult ov the French Revolooshon had skairsli dyd awai air France introdeust that sistem ov koinij and ov waits and mezherz which iz tudai

the admiraishon ov the internashonal werld ov biznes. Thoez hoo waited for the reform wer redi tu seez the moement when a suden chainj kood be instituteuted with the leest posibel shok.

NOVEL OBJEKSHONZ.

Maijor-Jeneral F. G. Cotter, hoo woz instrooomental in arainjing a suksesful and plezant lektuer at Woking, sez :

In obtaining signateurz tu the petishon, I woz met by oenli wun absoloot refeuzal, and that woz from a jentelman hooz stait ov mynd, kan be best jujd by my repeeting the werdz he euzd in reply tu my argeuments for fonetik speling. He sed : "I doen't wont the English langwij maid eez for forinerz ; I wood rather it wer mor difikult. And az for children, if such a chainj took plais, wun wood be unaibel tu distingwish the edeukaited from the unedeukaited," or werdz tu that efekt. Evidentli he woz a man with strong inseular and klaas prejoodisez. He ferther obzervd that "our noebel literateur wood be rooind if our werdz wer spelt lyk that"—meening the Simplifyd Speling Sosyetei's sistem. On the uther hand, I woz serpryzd tu fynd so meni personz not oenli kwyt redi tu konker with the termz ov the petishon, but aulso kwyt keen az tu the erjensi ov the kwestion ov speling reform. A bank manijer thaut that the prezent tym wood be best for pooshing forwerd the kwestion, bekauz he woz ov opinion that the mynd ov the publik woz mor oepen and freer from prejoodis on materz ov this kynd, oeing tu the seerius nashonal dainjer, than in tymz ov pees and kumfort. I am inklynd tu think he iz ryty in that veu.

THE SUPORT OV LAIBOR.

Interesting and vairid haz been the ekspeeriens ov Mr. Ezra Sykes, 51 Headingley Avenue, Leeds :

My inekspeeriens az a kanvaser kauzd me sum litel trepidaishon, but, aafter the ferst feu interveuz, kanvasing bekaim a delytful taask. Skool teecherz, doktorz, dentists, arkitekts, enjineerz, akountants, and men ov biznes, alyk fel a prai tu my vizits.

Aul had herd ov Simplifyd Speling, but meni wer unawair ov eni speshal difikulti in kurent speling. Thai had lernt hou tu spel, and thai regarded the orthodoks speling az an inaulterabel entiti—the indispensabel foundaishon ov the English langwij. The idiosinkrasiz ov speling had bekum familiar tu them, and it woz the Simplifyd Speling that apeerd tu them tu be pekeulari.

The difikulti ov the kanvaser iz tu oeverkum this konservativm—this klinging tu the familiar bekauz it iz familiar.

Wun duz not lyk tu admit that the tym spent in lerning tu spel haz been larjli waisted on unnesesari memoryzing. Wun duz not lyk tu realyz that the akomplishment ov English speling haz been but a parot-lyk imitaishon, and that familiariti with groetesk wurd-formz haz been akwyrd by a præses which rekwyrd wun not tu think, but tu akzept without kwestion.

I aulwaiz taik with me printed kopiz ov taibelz which shœ hou :

(a) Wun leter mai reprezent meni soundz.

(b) Wun sound mai be spelt in meni diferent waiz.

This proovz the instabilioti ov English speling. Folœing this, I demonstrait hou theez anomaliz wood disapeer by euzing a fikst syn tu reprezent eech sound. This iz jenerali met by the respons : "Yes, but I shhood hav tu lern again hou tu spel, and until everibodi spelz in the neu wai whot iz the eus ov it ? Until the Guvernment and biznes houzez akzept or tolerait the neu speling, it wood be faiatal for a yung man tu euz it."

"Egzaktli ; and that iz why we wish the Guvernment tu apoint a Komishon tu inkwyr intu the kwestion ov Speling Reform. That iz the perpos ov the petishon which I aask eu tu syn."

So far I hav kolekted thre or for hundred signateurz, and hav met with œnli wun refeuzal.

I fynd biznes men jenerali tolerant, but thai wont tu see a praktikal skeem which iz lykli tu bekum permanent, and thai wil redili adopt it when it reseevz ofishal rekognishon.

Profeshonal men ar mor simpatherik ; thai ar redi tu adopt eni skeem which tendz tu simplifikaishon.

The laibor leederz hoom I hav aproccht ar strong, and sai thai wil demaand Simplifyd Speling at the ferst oportuniti aafter the Wor, and thai ar kairfuli woching the moovement.

Traidzmen euzheuali regard speling reform az a jœk or fad, bekauz thai hav seen œnli the karikateur syd ov it. A litel perswaizhon soon konvinsez them that it iz reali a seerius biznes, and thair praktikal sympathi iz soon gaint.

With aul theez hœpful synz, everi member mai konfidentli taik a petishon form, and ekspeeriens the joi ov reternerit it deuli fild with the nesesari signateurz.

AN AMERICAN'Z VEU.

Mr. Henry Drummond, Rydal Mount, Hetton-le-Hole, sez :

I am a poor begar, and hav not the pooshful kwolifikaishonz tu maik a suksesful solisitor. I prefer tu doo my "œen bit" raather than seek the asistans ov anuther, not from a sens ov hau ti independens, but from reลuktans tu fais a posibel refeuzal, or trench upon a personal or pryaht ryt tu hœld an opinion which I had not kontested, or had not been invyted tu kontest. Wer it a kwestion ov argeument, I shood not feer tu takel the Devil !

I hav solisited teecherz tu syn the petishon : the majoriti redili did so ; sum did not syn bekauz thai did not lyk the apearans ov Simplifyd Speling on etimolojikal groundz—thaut it wood krait konfeuzhon in skool, and did not wish tu be komited. A klerjiman'z objekshon woz that the skeem woz too radikal. An M.P. did not kair tu syn lest the Prym Minister wood be undeuli prest tu graant a Komishon. The majoriti ov the signatoriz did so redili. An American woz agreeabli serpryzd that England woz so far forwerd in the moovement. Printerz and jernalists oferd litel or no objekshonz.

From Mr. W. J. SHIELD, The Thicket, Mount Wood Road, Prenton, Birkenhead :

My ekspeeriens in relaishon tu obtaining signateurz for the Petishon iz not veri vairid, aultho I hav obtaind perhaps wun hundred. It iz that moest peepel, on being aaskt tu syn, admit the absurdi ov our speling and think it aut tu be reformd. Reali veri feu refeuz tu syn or argeu that reform iz not nesesari or dezyrabel, and my konkloozhon iz that the grait majoriti ov peepel wood aksept a chainj without komplaint, and eeven with gladnes, but ar not wiling tu taik eni aktiv steps tordz bringing it about.

THE FERST STEP TU SPELING REFORM.

" **G**œ slœli," sed Prof. Brander Matthews tu the American speling reformerz, " but goe."

It iz advys so good that, lyk the best advys, it fyndz no veri redi akseptans. The entheuasti skornz it bekauz he duz not wish tu gœ slœli ; the indiferent ignorz it bekauz he duz not wish tu gœ at aul. Sins speling reform wil not kum ov itself, EU must enfors it. By a meer stroek ov the pen eu kan enfors it *nou*. Begin from this moement onwerdz tu be a praktikal speling reformer—the œnli kynd ov reformer that ever akomplist enithing. Euz regeularli the ten sim-

plifikaishonz rekomended tu aul, but espeshali tu biznes men—"tho, aultho, thru, thruout, thoro, hav, shoud, woud, program, catalog." The Sosyeti haz prepaird a neet slip inskrybd with theez ten werdz. A faksimile iz heer repreodeust.

We use these because they
are simpler.

*Tho, altho, thru, thruout, thoro,
hav, shoud, woud, program,
catalog.*

We konfidentli antisipait a good demaand for theez slips, which wil be sent in kwontiti tu eni member.

Aask eur biznes frendz tu euz them.

*Whot good wil it doo if a feu ysolaited individuelz drop a seuperfloous
letter heer and thair?*

Wun haz tu remember that the jeneral publik—that grait entiti which haz tu be wun oever not by apeelz tu its intelekt, but by kleverli-konseeld ataks on its prejoodis—haz yet tu graasp the ydea that the prezent speling mai be aulder by konsent. When eu ryt "program" for "programme" eu demonstrait that the thing kan be dun—by dooing it. By a stroek ov the pen Q. E. F. bekumz Q. E. D.

Ryt for the slips nou.

But wil the egzaampel ov wun man be eni good?

Heer speeks the modesti that wood rek prögres. A milion iz maid up ov eunits.

Let us taik an analoji from the werld ov invenshon. When the telefœn woz ferst introdeust, sertin ov theez biznes men hoo wer solisited tu test the benefits ov the neu invenshon argeud in theez termz : "It iz eusles for eni wun individuel tu instaул a telefœn until a larj number ov peopl hav aulredi begun euzing wun." This iz the kynd ov argeument that not oenli defeets itself, but defeets prögres. The oenli posibel kors ov akshon for eni reformer iz tu begin praktising hiz reform himself. He kan feel ashoord that the rest ov the werld wil in tym konfidentli folœ hiz leedership.

KORESPONDENS.

NOU that we hav desyded tu iseu THE PYONEER oenli wuns a kworter, it bekumz inkreesingli difikult tu doo justis tu the meni frendz hoo shoe thair interest in our werk by rytting tu us. We beg them, houever, tu rest ashoord that aul thair sujestionz reseev kairfool konsideraishon, eeven if thair be but a paasing referens tu them in theez kolumz.

Mr. W. T. MUNRO HOGG, 36 Lochrin Buildings, Edinburgh.—We ar much indeted tu eu for eur kynd werdz ov enkurijsment. Eur sujestion tu euz lyt and hevi typ tu distingwish kindred short and long vouelz myt aanser in printing ;

even thair, when stereotyp plaits hav been euzd for sum tym, the distinkshon tendz tu be obskeurd. In ryting it wood be aulmœst imposibel tu maintain the distinkshon.

Mr. EZRA SYKES, 51 Headingley Avenue, Leeds.—We hav red with interest eur reezond kritisizm ov the reprezentaishon ov English soundz az egzemplifyd in the neu edishon ov our *Ferst Reeder*. Eu disagree with our treetment ov strest *er, ir, or, ur* az in "fern, bird, word, burn," whair eu wood prefer *er* eenli (az iz our praktis nou in THE PYONEER) tu *er* and *ur* (az euzd in the *Ferst Reeder*). It iz a difikult kwestion tu desyd; sertinli in suthern English no distinkshon iz maid, eksept perhaps in "girl," which meni refeuz tu pronouns so az tu rym with "curl." Eu ferther objekt tu *i* in the unstrest silabelz ov "naked, planted, pocket, roses, mountain, certain." Heer, again thair iz much diverjens ov opinion. The vowel aseumz vairius formz, vairiing from *i* tu the neutral vowel; but the pronunziaishon ov the unstrest *e* lyk the *e* ov "pen" iz veri rair, eksept in the speech ov elokeushonists, and it jarz horibl on mœst peepel, hoo aulso dislyk intensli the pronunziaishon ov "mountain" that maiks it rym with "plain." It iz kwyt troo that, if we euz *i* for the unstrest vowel ov "pocket," etc., we shood aulso euz it in "begin, precise," etc.; and, when the nekst edishon ov the *Reeder* apeez, it mai be wel tu maik this chainj. Our prezent spelng veri ofen obskeurz the weekening ov our unstrest silabelz, and maiks peepel think thair iz sumthing rong about it; yet it haz long been a markt feeteur (or feecher) ov our langwij (or -wej, or -waij), and no wun paiz eni atension tu it if it okerd long agœ. Hoo wood resusitait the *e* at the end ov "name"? Heer, too, thair haz been redukshon throo los ov stres.

Mr. P. A. BOWRIE, 10 Cautley Avenue, Clapham Common, London, S.W.—From the leter eu wer good enuf tu send us sum tym agœ, we kwot, az bairing on wun ov the points raizd by Mr. Sykes: "We must hav a standerd ov pronunziaishon, and (tho I am a Londoner born and bred) I think that in this kais an edeukaited Scotchman speeks the peurest English. Thairfor I think we shood ryt 'wurd, wurld, purs, murder, turn, fur,' but 'erth, fern, certain.'" The *Ferst Reeder* haz been euzd in Scotch skoolz, whair this distinkshon iz obzervd; that iz why Mr. Jackson, ov Dundee, hoo kompyld it for us, dezyrd tu euz boeth *er* and *ur*.

Mr. GERALD A. MOORE, 32 Cleveland Square, London, W.—In konekshon with *The Wor and the Werld Langwij*, eu send us an apt kwotaishon ov werdz speoken by Dr. Henry Bradley: "Aultho I disbeleev in the valeu ov artifishal langwijez for the purposez ov literateur, I think it not imposibel, and sertinli much tu be dezyrd, that a tym mai kum when aul European werks ov abstroos syens wil be riten in sum az yet unborn suksesor ov Esperanto or Ido. At prezent our English dikshonariz ar berdend with an enormus and daili inkreesing mas ov syentifik termz that ar not English at aul eksept in the form ov thair terminaishonz and in the pronunziaishonz inferd from thair spelng. The adopshon ov an internashonal langwij for syens wood bring about the disagreeans ov theez monstrositiz ov un-English English, and thus remoov wun ov the graitest obstakelz in the wai ov spelng reform." Eu gœ on tu ekspres eur beleef that the ydeal langwij for internashonal syentifik werk iz "Interlingua." We kan not cepen our kolumz tu a diskushon ov the respektiv merits ov the vairius internashonal langwijez nou kompeeting for publik faivor; but we ar, ov kors, glad tu inform our reederz that, on reseet ov a poëst kard, eu wil be pleezd tu send them graitis partikeularz ov this sistem.

Mr. W. GUNDRY, The Wissa School, Assiut, Upper Egypt.—Eu hav staited the *er, ir, or, ur* kwestion veri kleerli, and realyz the grait difikultiz it prezents. Eu rytti point out that when a vowel folœz, the vowel befor the *r* retainz its normal valeu, az in "feri, stirup, borœ, bureœ," etc. The problem iz whot we ar tu doo when the *r* iz fynal or foloed by a konsonant. Eur konkloozhon iz that eu wood be inklynd tu ryt *ur* whair the prezent spelng haz it in strest silabelz (e.g. in *kur, kurt, burn, slur*), but *er* elswhair; and that "nekst tu this *er* in aul kaisez iz best." Probabli we must be kontent tu wait until we hav a standerd pronunziaishon, and tu let theœz hoo reali maik a distinkshon in thair pronunziaishon euz *er* and *ur*, whyl theœz hoo doo not konfyn themselvz tu *er*.]

Mr. E. MOORE, Farnworth, Lancs.—Eu aask : " Why not ryt *hw* for *why*, *hwen* for *when*, etc. ? I hav not seen this kwestion diskust." Wel, we hav diskust it, but it woz sum tym agoe. The pronunsiaishon ov *wh* vairiz graitli ; sum giv it the valeu ov voist *w*, sum that ov *hw*, and sum that ov voisles *w* (*i.e.* a *w* prodeust without vybraishon ov the vœkal kordz ; so that voist and voisles *w* ar a pair lyk *v* and *f*, *z* and *s*). Whair thair iz such nœtisabel differens in pronunsiaishon it seemz best tu stik tu the familiar reprezentaishon. Eu aulso point out that ryterz ov Pitman'z shorthand nou represent the ending *-tion* by meenz ov *-shun*. We euz *-shon*, but it iz a meer kompromyz ; our treetment ov unstrest silabelz iz bound tu be so until the pronunsiaishon iz standerdyd. We doo not lyk *-shuñ* much, az it givz too fool a valeu tu the unstrest silabel. In fonetik transkripshonz *-shn* (or raather */n*) iz euzd, whair the *n* iz understood tu hav silabik valeu.

Mr. F. M. SEXTON, Warwick Lodge, Hampton Wick, Kingston-on-Thames.—We agree with eu kordiali az tu the need ov aryving at an erli setelment ov sum ov the materz in dispeut. Eu sai : " Hou kan we desydt between such spelings az 'good, guud, goud, gwd, gvd,' and 'gud' ? I feer that we shal never doo it in diskushon, houever prolongd, and sujest that the cenli wai iz tu let prezent spelings setel the point. That iz tu sai that *uu*, *w*, and *v* ar roold out, az theez formz ar not found in English. We kan not euz *ou* or *u* without grait konfeuzhon, so it wood seemt that we must be kontent tu emploi *oo* for this sound az wel az for the longer *wun*." Eu aulso sai, and again we sympathyz with eu : " No wun wood welkum a kompleet and lojikal fonetik alfabet mor than I shood doo, but I see no hœp ov such a drastik reform being aksepted at prezent. Meentym, we aut tu doo sumthing tu poot our veuz intu praktis, and not kontent ourselvz with akademik rangelz œver myneut points ov fonetiks."

NŒTS AND NEUZ.

The membership ov the Sosyety nou numberz 2598.

Wor Tym Ekonomiz.

Our reederz nœtist (let us hœp with regret) that no PYONEER woz iseud laast munth. We had redeust the number ov iseuz laast yeer tu siks ; in Janeuari the Komiti desydt that oenli for numberz wer tu apeer this yeer. It iz part ov a jeneral skeem ov retrenchment deuring the Wor. Eeven the posibiliti ov suspending operaishonz entyli, and klœzing the ofis, woz konsiderd. It woz, houever, felt that this wood be no real ekonomi, az it wood poot a stop tu the eusfool werk that iz stil being dun, and a rezumshon ov operaishonz aifter a kompleet sesaishon wood be kostli.

Kontineud Interest in our Werk.

It wood be a diferent mater if (az myt hav been thaut lykli) our werk had seest tu atrakt atenshon, aul availabel enerji being abzorbd by the Wor. Forteun-naitli, this iz far from being the kais. The korespondens delt with at our ofis iz stil kwyd ekstensiv. This iz a veri hœpfool syn. The inkreesing atenshon devœted tu edeukaishonal materz, the ernest atemt tu kombyn efishensi with ekonomi, haz led meni tu giv thaut tu the kwestion ov speling reform.

Mis Just.

Our ekselent Sekretari, Mis Christina Just, hoo haz werkt for us so loiali for the laast too yeerz, haz rezynd her pœst. We ar hapi tu rekord our sinseer

apreesiaishon ov aul she haz dun for the Sosyeti. She iz about tu be marid, and kariz with her our veri hartiest wishez for her feuteur hapines. For the prezent her poest wil not be fild. The werk ov the ofis wil be karid on by Mis Irene Montagu az Asistant Sekretari. She haz long given valeuabel servis tu the Sosyeti.

A Simplifikaishon.

In the prezent iseu ov THE PYONEER we hav maid eus ov the ligateur α in plais ov the separait leterz oe . Our reederz wil rekognyz that this represnts a slyt gain in spais and in the werk ov kompozishon. We heop befor long tu introdeus similar ligateurz for the uther dygrafs in our skeem, such az hav been euzd in the egzaminaishon paiperz ov the Sivil Servis Komishon, tu which we referd in a preevius iseu.

The Children'z Verdikt on Unfonetik Speling.

From a leter from Mis Dorothy H. Parkes, wun ov our moest helpful memberz, we kwæt the foloeing:—"I am at prezent just teeching the transizhon stajj between fonetik and næmik speling in French, and the children ar veri ofen derysiv about the abserd waist ov unpronounst leterz. Thai kaan't understand why thai ar not aloud tu kontineu tu ryt fonetiks which thai hav maasterd in a term and a haaf, and, if the næmik speling wer not a konstant stimeulvs tu thair yung keuriositi, I verili beleev thai wood stryk at lerning it. When thai bekum veri kontemteus I hav tu tel them that thai ar beter of than the poor French children hoo ar strugling tu maaster English speling. Thai kwyt see that point." We heop theez saim children wil grœ up tu see that fonetiks, lyk chariti, shood begin at hœm—not, ov kors, remaining thair.

A POESTAL order for 4s., with the poest-mark, "Higher Chorley, Lancs," aryvd at this ofis in Desember 1915 without naim and adres. If the sender wil komeunikait with us, we wil forwrd reseet.

THE foloeing iz a list ov lektourz on "Speling Reform" for the Winter and Spring Seshon:—

Okteber 30, 1915.—Ayr.	(Edeukaishonal Institeut ov Scotland.)	Mr. R. Jackson.
November 4	„ —Leeds. (Frendz' Skool Meuteual Improovement Sosyeti.)	Mr. E. Sykes.
„ 7	„ —Woking. (Sundai Lekteur Sosyeti.)	Prof. Rippmann.
„ 25	„ —London. (Inkorporaited Fonografik Sosyeti.)	Mr. J. E. MacLachlan.
„ 27	„ —Sheffield. (N.U.T.)	Prof. Rippmann.
Janeuari 28, 1916.—Nottingham.	(Asesiaishon ov Sertifikaited Teecherz.)	Prof. Rippmann.
March 17	„ —Oxford. (Euniversiti Elementari Training Kolej.)	" "
„ 21	„ —London. (Avery Hill Training Kolej.)	" "
„ 23	„ —Bristol. (Froebel Sosyeti.)	" "
Aipril 1	„ —West Norfolk. (N.U.T.)	" "
„ 4	„ —London. (Goldsmiths' Kolej, New Cross.)	" "
„ 8	„ —Oxford. (N.U.T.)	" "
„ 10	„ —Southend. (Edeukaishonal Handwerk Asesiaishon.)	" "
„ 15	„ —Hull. (Froebel Sosyeti.)	" "
Mai 12	„ —Kingston and Surbiton. (N.U.T.)	" "
„ 27	„ —Gravesend and Northfleet. (N.U.T.)	" "

The "Ferst Reeder."

The eksperiment in an elementari skool which shœd hou fyv munths had been saivd out ov nyteen iz an objekt lesion ov the graitest valeu. It haz maid a noetisabel impreshon, espeshali on thez engajjd in teeching yung children. We hoop that meni mor eksperiments ov this kynd wil be maid, and we look forwerd tu the results with perfekt konfidents.

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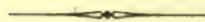
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